

OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT
CONTINGENCY PLAN FACT SHEET
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We continue to hope that Congress will reach an agreement to avoid a government shutdown, but we are working to prepare for all possible scenarios. The following fact sheet provides basic information about the Office of Surface Mining's contingency plans in the event of a government shutdown.

Services and Programs that would remain operational

NAME OF SERVICE/PROGRAM	REASON
Abandoned Mine Land Emergency declarations if requested by States	Emergency and/or excepted activity
Federal Abandoned Mine Land emergencies.	Emergency and/or excepted activity
Citizens Complaints – alleged violation or imminent harm on active coal mine sites.	Emergency and/or excepted activity
Federal regulation of active coal mine sites – imminent danger to health, safety, and environmental damage.	Emergency and/or excepted activity

Services and programs that would be closed

- Federal oversight of active coal mines.
- Federal oversight of abandoned coal mines.
- Federal regulation and inspection of coal mines, primarily in Tennessee and on Indian Lands—except in emergency situations.
- Federal review and issuance of coal mining permits, permit revisions and mine plans reviews.
- Technical Assistance to States and Tribes.
- Technical Training sponsored by OSM.
- Access to shared services provided to States and Industry via websites, such as the Applicant Violator System, Abandoned Mine Land Inventory, technical software applications (TIPS). (Need to confirm how this will be done with DOI enterprise services.)

Key citizen services that would be affected

- Industry – may be a delay in permit issuance and mine plan reviews.
- States and Tribes – access to websites containing information, such as applicant/violator data, may delay their permitting process.
- States and Tribes – OSM staff will cease technical assistance. May lead to delays in results from inspections, permit decision.

- Public – OSM staff will cease oversight inspections. May lessen public safety and protection of the environment if adverse impacts of coal mining are not timely addressed.

Employees

- Total Agency Employees: 520
- Total employees who would be furloughed: 512
- Employees on call (estimate): 21